

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 02014 192331Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PA-02 INR-10 SS-15 /040 W  
-----087690 201917Z /70

R 192323Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
TO USINFO WASHDC  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7111

UNCLAS OTTAWA 02014

FOR STATE EUR/CAN

USICA

EO 11652 NA  
TAGS NA

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: THE CARTER PRESIDENCY

1. LEAD EDITORIAL IN THE APRIL 19 OTTAWA JOURNAL  
"SURVEYING THE WRECKAGE" NOTES THAT IN HIS 16TH MONTH AS  
PRESIDENT, "MR CARTER IS FINDING IT ISN'T AS EASY  
AS HE THOUGHT IT TO BE WHEN TALKING TO VOTERS IN 1976."  
THE JOURNAL QUOTES THE LATEST STORY OF TWO SENATORS WHO  
MEET: "CARTER IS BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE A ONE-TERM  
PRESIDENT," SAYS THE FIRST SENATOR. "YES," REPLIES THE  
OTHER, "BUT WHEN DOES IT START?"

2. AFTER REVIEWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROBLEMS IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST AND RHODESIA AS WELL AS HIS DIFFICULTIES WITH  
CONGRESS IN AREAS SUCH AS THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY AND  
ENERGY BILL, THE JOURNAL EDITORIAL MAINTAINS THAT "...MR  
CARTER PRESIDES OVER A RECESSION OF PUBLIC SPIRIT, AN ERA  
OF CARPING: ONE IN WHICH HE IS BLAMED NOT ONLY FOR WHAT  
HE HAS DONE WRONG, BUT FOR THE FAULTS OF CONGRESS ALSO.  
SO WHAT HAS CONGRESS DONE TO HELP COMBAT INFLATION, ON  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 02014 192331Z

BEHALF OF TAX REFORM OR TO CORRECT URBAN BLIGHT? NEXT TO  
NOTHING, OF COURSE."

3. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT "IT'S HARD ENOUGH FOR  
ANYONE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN NATION'S POLITICS, LET  
ALONE UNDERSTANDING THE POLITICS OF ANOTHER NATION. YET  
THE POLITICS OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE SUCH INFLUENCE ON

CANADA THAT WE ARE BOUND TO WATCH THEM WITH FASCINATION,  
WHEN NOT WITH APPREHENSION. ONE MIGHT BE WISE TO GIVE  
MR CARTER FAVORABLE LEEWAY WHEN PASSING JUDGMENT, AS YET.  
HIS PRESIDENCY IS ONLY, AFTER ALL, BEGINNING." HESS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, PRESIDENT, FOREIGN RELATIONS, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 19 apr 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978OTTAWA02014  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780169-0770  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** OTTAWA  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780440/aaaabhnc.tel  
**Line Count:** 66  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** ec828bab-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 mar 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2919282  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MEDIA REACTION: THE CARTER PRESIDENCY  
**TAGS:** SOPN, PINT, CA, US, (CARTER, JIMMY)  
**To:** USIA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/ec828bab-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014